

SENATE RESOLUTION 141

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Galloway
Scheibe, Jr., of Whiteville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of William "Bill" Galloway Scheibe, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scheibe was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a renaissance man by any standard, Bill Scheibe served with acumen and alacrity as a Professional Golf Association (PGA) professional, the owner of a plant nursery, a successful businessman, and a farmer, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Bill Scheibe, Jr., was born in Dallas, Texas, on May 1, 1944, to the late Grace and Bill Scheibe; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, while serving in the Air Force, he met Karen Williamson; the two were soon joined in holy matrimony and moved back to Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scheibe studied agronomy at East Texas State University and at Texas A&M University, where he also played golf, a sport for which he had developed a deep passion and at which he was supremely talented; and

WHEREAS, he went on to become a PGA professional and the Teaching Pro at Twin Hills County Club in Oklahoma City; desiring to pass his love of golf down to his sons, Bill Scheibe and his sons played in the Tennessee Father/Son State Championship for more than twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, turning his attention to other ventures, Mr. Scheibe opened a plant nursery, Chapel Hill Nursery, in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Bill Scheibe then became involved in the auto parts industry, a venture which brought him to Tennessee; he went on to help start the successful business Powell/Scheibe/Knight/Brannon Inc. (PSKB) in 1983; and

WHEREAS, always ready for the next business opportunity, Mr. Scheibe was still running PKSB Inc., when he became interested in owning land; in 1985, he founded a cattle and hay farm in Fayette County, becoming a respected land owner in the community; and

WHEREAS, fulfilling an old desire to fully embrace the rural life, Bill and Karen Scheibe built a house in Whiteville, to which Mr. Scheibe enjoyed returning after a day of work to mow the fields and bale hay; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from PSKB Inc., he became involved in the new business Nature's Broom, serving as its President; and

WHEREAS, a community leader who was intimately involved in various civic endeavors, Mr. Scheibe also gave of his time and leadership abilities as a member of the Fayette County Industrial Development Board; and

WHEREAS, Bill Scheibe was an active and devout member of the Christ Presbyterian Church in Somerville, which he served faithfully for many years as an Elder; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; Mr. Scheibe enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Karen, and was the proud father and father-in law of Tres and Dedee, Gretchen and Johnny, Clarke and Julia, and Marc and Liz; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud and doting grandfather of nine grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Bill Scheibe leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of William Galloway Scheibe, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Scheibe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.